

CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

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City Recognizes National Marina Day

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, May 29, 2013 – As part of a nationwide observance, the City of Bainbridge Island will celebrate Welcome to the Water on National Marina Day on June 8, 2013 at Waterfront Park in Winslow.

"Welcome to the Water on National Marina Day is a celebration of boating," said Harbormaster Tami Allen. "As families search for fun outdoor activities that everyone can enjoy, we want to encourage them to give boating a try. Existing boaters are always ready to celebrate with a day on the water, but on this day we ask them to bring a non-boater out to share the experience. We hope you will visit Waterfront Park, learn about boating and enjoy the events we have planned."

Waterfront Park's Welcome to the Water on National Marina Day activities include:

• Anchoring with a Local

- \circ 10 am 12 pm
- Participants bring their own boat or partner with a local boater to anchor in 30 feet of water in the open water marina.
- o These individualized workshops are by appointment only. Please contact the Harbormaster at tallen@bainbridgewa.gov or (206) 786-7627.

• Small Boat Mess-About with Canoe and Kayak Rodeo

- Sponsored by Back of Beyond Outfitters
- \circ 10 am 4 pm
- o Free kayak and canoe lessons and demonstrations are offered, along with a free canoe tour on a 36-foot canoe that carries 18 passengers.

• Free vessel examinations

- o Sponsored by Flotilla 48 US Coast Guard Auxiliary
- \circ 10 am 4 pm

• Marine flare demonstration

o Sponsored by the Chandlery at Winslow

o 1 pm

• Free Sail on the Solings

- o Sponsored by Bainbridge Island Yacht Club.
- o 2-4 pm

• Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) Hull and Vessel Safety Inspection

- o Sponsored by Bainbridge Island Police Department
- o 2-4 pm
- These individualized safety inspections are by appointment only. Please contact the Harbormaster at tallen@bainbridgewa.gov or (206) 786-7627.

• Rigging Workshop

- o Sponsored by Bainbridge High School sailing team.
- \circ 10 am 1 pm

Welcome to the Water on National Marina Day is produced by the Association of Marina Industries, and Discover Boating. For more information, visit www.nationalmarinaday.org.

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